

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

*In re* Application of:

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Examiner: Candice Stokes

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated October 31, 2007, the applicant presents the below  
Remarks and Amendments to the Claims.